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Applicants have requested that US Patent 5,903,305 and foreign patent document 2000-201688 listed on previous PTO 1449 be considered. Evidence of the the timely filing of the proper forms have alsos been provided.


Examiner acknowledges the prior filing and receipt of the PTO-1449. With respect to US Patent 5,903,305, this reference was considered and intialed on the 1449, and a copy of the 1449 was provided with the first office action on the merits of the application. Upon review of the photocoy it appears that the initalization was not clearly copied. With respect to 2000-201688, it was indicated on the 1449 that the document was not considered because it was in Japanese and no translation was provided. A better copy of both 1449 filed in the instant application have been attached to this communication for Applicant's records.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached at (571) 272-0734.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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